

**Town of Matthews Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resource Department**  
**Call for Artists – Outdoor Sculpture Gallery**

**Deadline: February 21, 2022**

**Project Overview:** The Town of Matthews Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resource Department (ToMPRCRD) seeks artists to display sculptures at one of 4 locations in downtown Matthews. A total of 4 sculptures will be accepted. Any applicants not chosen for 2022-2023 can be considered for the following year should the sculpture still be available.

**Eligibility:** Applicants must be 18 years of age and older with means of transporting their sculpture to the base location. Sculptures must be able to withstand outdoor weather elements, and should be sturdy enough to withstand the potential for people to interact with the art. Sculptures should be free of any sharp edges or potentially dangerous elements.

**Scope of Work:** ToMPRCRD seeks original artwork that is visually engaging, that shows strong, imaginative design and content. Sculptures must not require the use of electricity, audio/visual technology, water or other resource. Artists are responsible for installation of their sculpture, with oversight from Town of Matthews staff. All sculptures will be mounted to a concrete pedestal base that measures 36" across and 12" high. Artists will receive a \$500 stipend and works will be on display for a full year.

**Timeline:**

- Application Deadline: February 21, 2022
- Entries Chosen by Advisory Committee: March 9, 2022
- Entries Presented to Board of Commissioners for Approval: March 28, 2022
- Artists Notified: March 29, 2022
- Installation scheduled for early- to mid- April

**Entry Requirements:**

- Each artist must submit the following to Melissa Johnson by 5pm on February 21, 2022
  - Exhibitor Application (found here)
  - Resume/short bio of artist
  - Photos of the artwork or sketches of proposed artwork (photos will be required prior to selection)
  - Any other information relative to the artwork

Any questions and all electronic entries can be submitted to:

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Cultural Recreation Manager  
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704-708-1262

Mail-in submissions can be submitted to:  
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